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SUBJ: MBFR: DATA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR JUNE 27,
INFORMAL SESSION

ATTACHED ARE THE TEXTS OF DRAFT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR USE
AT THE JULY 4 INFORMAL SESSION. USDEL WILL INTRODUCE THEM FOR
APPROVAL AT THE TRILATERAL SESSION ON JULY 1 AND SUBSEQUENTLY
AT THE AHG SESSION ON JULY 3.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. WE NOW HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ON EASTERN DATA.
2. FIRST, WE NOTE THAT ON JUNE 27, AMB TARASOV SAID THAT QUOTE
EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES COULD NOT AGREE WITH A SITUATION OF A
KIND WHERE WARSAW TREATY SERVICE SUPPORT COMMANDS AND UNITS
SUCH AS FIRE BRIGADES AND MILITARY BANDS WOULD BE ALLOCATED
TO COMBAT UNITS UNQUOTE.
3. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND PRECISELY WHAT THIS STATEMENT
REFERRED TO.
4. WE ASSUME AMB TARASOV WAS REFERRED TO THE TYPES OF UNITS
AND COMMANDS DESCRIBED IN LIST A.

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5. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SEE HOW ANY OF THE LISTS WHICH WE GAVE
EASTERN REPS ON JUNE 13 COULD BE CONSTRUED AS ALLOCATING WARSAW
TREATY SERVICE SUPPORT COMMANDS AND UNITS SUCH AS FIRE BRIGADES
AND MILITARY BANDS TO QUOTE COMBAT UNITS UNQUOTE.

6. LIST C WHICH WE GAVE YOU MERELY SHOWED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF

THE UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND COMMANDS WHOSE PERSONNEL THE EAST HAD ALLOCATED TO THE CATEGORY OF MAJOR FORMATIONS.

7. WESTERN REPS HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD THE CATEGORY OF MAJOR FORMATIONS TO BE COMPRISED ONLY OF COMBAT UNITS, NOR HAVE WE UNDERSTOOD ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSION THUS FAR THAT ALL SOVIET COMBAT UNITS HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY OF MAJOR FORMATIONS.

8. OUR QUESTION IS, HAVE ANY SOVIET COMBAT UNITS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SECOND CATEGORY?

9. OUR SECOND QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE SOME GDR GUARD UNITS AND SUBUNITS, WHICH ARE NOT SUBORDINATE TO MILITARY DISTRICTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE PERSONNEL OF THESE UNITS AND SUBUNITS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE EAST'S FIGURES FOR GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN THE SECOND CATEGORY. OR HAVE THEY BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE EAST'S COUNT ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY PERFORM MISSIONS IN THE FIELD OF INTERNAL SECURITY, OR ON OTHER GROUNDS?

10. THIRD QUESTION, ARE THERE ANY ENGINEER, ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION, RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORT UNITS AND SUBUNITS IN THE FORCES OF THE GDR, POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHOSE PERSONNEL, ALTHOUGH THEY WEAR UNIFORMS, CARRY WEAPONS AND ARE SUBJECT TO MILITARY DISCIPLINE, HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE EAST'S FIGURES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE SUBORDINATE TO MINISTRIES OTHER THAN
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THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, OR BECAUSE THEY PERFORM MISSIONS IN THE FIELD OF INTERNAL SECURITY OR BORDER SECURITY? IN ASKING THIS QUESTION, WE DO NOT HAVE IN MIND THE CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH UNITS OF TERRITORIAL DEFENSE.

11. FINALLY, AS OUR LAST COMMENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE FIGURE WHICH THE EAST PRESENTED ON MARCH 15 FOR POLISH GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN MAJOR FORMATIONS. THAT IS, TO THE FIGURE 115,000.

12. THIS LIST (WESTERN REPS HAND EAST THE ATTACHED LIST D) SHOWS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND COMMANDS WHOSE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED BY THE EAST IN THAT FIGURE.

13. THIS LIST HAS BEEN COMPILED ON THE BASIS OF WHAT EASTERN REPS HAVE SAID REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF POLISH GROUND FORCE MANPOWER TO THE TWO CATEGORIES, AND ON THE BASIS OF WHAT EASTERN REPS HAVE SAID ON EARLIER OCCASIONS REGARDING THE TYPES OF UNITS AND COMMANDS THAT COMPRISE THE FORCES OF EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS.

14. WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING HOW ALL OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL OF THE UNITS AND ELEMENTS ON THIS LIST COULD BE COVERED BY THE FIGURE OF 115,000.

15. THE PROBLEMS WE ARE HAVING CAN BE ILLUSTRATED BY THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE.

16. AS IS WELL KNOWN FROM AUTHORITATIVE PUBLICATIONS, THERE IS A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN ACTIVE POLISH MECHANIZED DIVISIONS AND ARMORED DIVISIONS. EASTERN REPS HAVE STATED THAT THE PERSONNEL OF ALL OF THESE DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FIGURES OF 115,000.

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17. ALLOWING FOR UNDERMANNING OF THESE DIVISIONS, IN SOME CASES SUBSTANTIAL, THE TOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THESE DIVISIONS OUGHT TO AMOUNT TO ABOUT 85,000-90,000 MEN.

18. OF THE 115,000 TOTAL PROVIDED BY THE EAST, THAT WOULD LEAVE ONLY SOME 25,000-30,000 PERSONNEL TO MAN ALL OF THE OTHER UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS AND COMMANDS DESCRIBED ON THE LIST. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THIS FIGURE COULD POSSIBLY ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE MILITARY PRSONNEL IN ALL THE UNITS LISTED AND WOULD WELCOME EASTERN COMMENTS.

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ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION # 2

19. DIVIDING THE FIGURE FOR THE NUMBER OF DIVISIONS, 13, INTO THE FIGURE OF 115,000 PRODUCES A FIGURE OF 8,850 MEN. THIS FIGURE OF 8,850 DISTRIBUTES THE MANPOWER EVENLY TO EACH DIVISION. MOREOVER, THE FIGURE CONTAINS EACH DIVISION'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE PERSONNEL IN ALL OF THE OTHER UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND COMMANDS ON LIST D.

20. WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT THE 8,850 FIGURE WOULD HAVE TO COVER NOT ONLY THE MANPOWER IN THE DIVISIONS THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO EACH DIVISION'S PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF ALL THE OTHER ELEMENTS ENUMERATED ON THE LIST, WE CANNOT RECONCILE THIS COMPUTATION WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMPOSITION OF POLISH GROUND FORCES AS SET FORTH IN LIST D AND WOULD WELCOME EASTERN COMMENTS.

DRAFT LIST "D"
(POLAND)

POLISH UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS AND COMMANDS# WHOSE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS

1. ALL UNITS OF FOLLOWING TYPES REGARDLESS OF SUBORDINATION

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MECHANIZED UNITS

ARMORED UNITS

AIRBORNE UNITS

MISSILE (SSM) UNITS

2. ALL BRIGADES REGARDLESS OF TYPE

3. ALL UNITS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES WHICH ARE SUBORDINATE TO MILITARY DISTRICTS

ARMY AVIATION

AIR DEFENSE MISSILE (SAM)

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

SIGNAL

ENGINEER

RADIO TECHNICAL/RADIO ELECTRONICS

UNITS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

MEDICAL

TRANSPORTATION

REPAIR

SUPPLY

GUARDS

4. ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO VOYEVOODSHIP STAFFS

5. PERSONNEL PERFORMING THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF FUNCTIONS,
SUBORDINATE TO MILITARY DISTRICTS

PERFORMING GUARD DUTY FOR DEPOTS, BASES, AND MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS
ASSIGNED TO FIRE BRIGADES FOR GARRISONS, BASES, AND DEPOTS
FOR MAINTENANCE ENTERPRISES, NOT BELONGING TO UNITS BUT
SEPARATE FROM THEM
IN MILITARY TRADE ORGANIZATIONS
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THE WORD "UNITS" IS EMPLOYED IN ALL CASES IN THE GENERAL
SENSE TO REFER TO UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND COMMANDS.

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IN CONSTRUCTION UNITS CONCERNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH
AS ROAD, BRIDGE, AND AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS AND ENTERPRISES
IN CENTRAL MEDICAL SERVICES
IN MILITARY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
ASSIGNED TO EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES FOR
TERRITORIAL FORCES
IN MILITARY POST OFFICES AND MILITARY POSTAL SERVICES
IN MILITARY TOPOGRAPHICAL SERVICES
WORKING AS CLERKS, CASHIERS, CLEANING AND MAINTAINING
BUILDUP AND/OR HEATING FACILITIES
EMPLOYED IN OFFICERS' CLUBS, SOLDIERS' CLUBS, VARIOUS
KINDS OF ARTISTIC ENSEMBLES AND ORCHESTRAS, ATHLETIC
GROUPS, AND RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

DELEGATION COMMENT: OUR PRESENT INTENTION IS TO USE
ALTERNATE 1 AS A MORE TELLING DEMONSTRATION OF THE LACK OF
CREDIBILITY OF EASTERN FIGURES. END TEXT DEAN

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